



PATENT APPLICATION

In re the Application of

Hugues CHERON et al.

Group Art Unit: 2875

Application No.: 10/790,867

Examiner: I. Negron

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For: A CAR BODY PANEL WITH INTEGRAL LIGHT UNIT

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the March 22, 2005 personal interview with Examiner Negron, Applicants herein provide a separate record of the personal interview. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Negron during the personal interview.

Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner Negron on March 22, 2005. Unknown to Applicants' representative was the fact that Examiner Negron issued an Office Action that was mailed on March 21, 2005 (one day prior to the personal interview). Applicants' representative was unaware of the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005 and Examiner Negron did not inform Applicants' representative during the personal interview that an Office Action was mailed on March 21, 2005. It is requested that the Examiner restart the period for reply.

During the personal interview, Applicants' representative traversed the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Haneda et al. (Haneda), U.S. Patent No. 4,996,634 in view of the Suzuki, U.S. Patent No. 4,809,144. Applicants' representative argued that

Haneda and Suzuki fail to disclose or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1 and 10 for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed February 10, 2005. Applicants' representative also traversed the rejection of claim 9 by arguing that the combination of Haneda and Suzuki fails to disclose using glass as the component element of the light unit formed by the outside skin, the glass being assembled to the outside skin in a permanent and non-removable manner.

Unfortunately, Applicants' representative and Examiner Negron were unable to reach an agreement at the personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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